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to inflame gas, the authors are not definite enough in disproving Odiber's attempt, incorrect in principle, to establish the absolute criterion of safety. Odiber does not take into consideration the factor that the inflammation process is based on probability. Although the probability of inflammation is considerably reduced for explosives which satisfy the Odiber criterion, those explosives may not be considered as absolute safety explosives, which quality Odiber attempts to prove.

The authors also do not criticize sufficiently the unsatisfactory terminology introduced by Bailing to describe the process of explosion, nor his other incorrect aspects in the given field.

However, the book contains abundant factual material and contributes to a better understanding of the history of safety explosives and their present development.

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